

NOT THE ONLY FLAGSTAFF.

Neither Are We the Original Lumber Town of That Name.

Miles Standish of Portland, Me., a printer, and direct descendant of Miles Standish of Puritan fame, has just been appointed to a position in the government printing office, says the Washington Post. He received his appointment through the civil service, having taken an examination in Portland, Me., last winter. His father and grandfather, both of the same name, lived and died on a plantation called Flagstaff, not far from the boundary line between Maine and Canada. They were engaged in lumbering and in commercial pursuits, his grandfather having kept the only store on the plantation for many years.

The Miles Standish in Washington is the tenth generation in direct line from the Puritan warrior. He is stoutly built, about 35 years old. He retains the genial disposition and love of humor that has been characteristic of the later generations of the family. When his father died in Flagstaff some ten years ago he learned the printer's trade, and since then has worked in several cities of the east and west, including Denver and Pueblo, Colo., and Brockton, Mass. He is the only direct descendant in his line, having no brothers or sisters. His wife is in Portland at present, but will come to Washington this winter. One other branch of the family, claiming descent from the original Miles Standish, has several scions in Boston.

The township of Flagstaff, where the family resided for many years, is a historic place in Maine. When General Arnold led his expedition up the Kennebec river and crossed through the wilderness to the siege of Quebec he camped for awhile on the banks of Dead river, to the north of Mount Bigelow. The flagstaff erected in the camp was

left standing, and was not replaced by a new one until a few years ago, when it had become badly decayed. The township took its name from that flagstaff.

In the Verde country one night not long since a cowboy named Skelley had an unpleasant adventure with a mountain lion. While he was passing a large rock which projected over the trail a huge lion sprang upon his horse, striking the animal to the ground. Mr. Skelley quickly shot the attacking beast, but too late to save his horse, which was so badly injured that it had to be killed.

On Tuesday Jose Lopez, a Mexican cattleman living at Redington, on the San Pedro river in Pima county, murdered his wife, cutting open her head with an ax and almost dismembering the body. Lopez had for several days shown signs of insanity, and had been left in charge of two friends. He eluded his guards and, getting possession of an ax, started to run amuck, drove the guards out of the settlement, and others barely escaped him. When he returned home his wife tried to quiet him, when he turned up on her and killed her. Lopez was captured.

The estimated number of sheep in the territory is 500,000. Of these about 130,000 are in the district north of Phoenix, where the work of shearing is now in progress. A Vanderwort of Boston has contracted for 2,500,000 pounds of wool at prices ranging from 12 cents to 14 cents. Extensive shearing pens, each pens, equipped with machine shearers, are to be erected at once at Peoria by the S. F. P. & P. road. There will also be a large warehouse for the storage of wool. Sheep are said to be worth from \$3 to \$3.50 per head.

Tucson is tearing down a number of her old landmarks.